

IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 (currently amended) An apparatus comprising:

a device adapted to be secured to a limb of a user with a device strap, the device being disposed on the device strap and having a plurality of functions; and

one or more inputs disposed upon an input substrate comprising a strap, the inputs being ~~and in~~ communication with the device to control the plurality of device functions, ~~said the device strap being separate from said the~~ input substrate, the one or more inputs positioned on the input substrate so as to be operable by one or more digits of a hand of the user associated with the limb of the user when the input substrate is in an extended position, and positioned so as to be inoperable by the digits of the hand of the user associated with the limb of the user when the input substrate is in a retracted position.

Claim 2 (original): The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the plurality of functions includes at least one of a time display, a date display, a calendar display, a timer display, a timer start, a timer stop, a timer reset, a stop watch display, a stop watch start, a stop watch stop, a stop watch reset, a lap time display, an alarm, a face illumination, or a directional lighting.

Claim 3 (currently amended): The apparatus of claim ~~1~~15 wherein the device includes at least one of a timekeeping device, a communications device, a wireless communication device, an electronic organizer, an environmental monitor, a multimedia device, a physiological monitor, a remote control, a Global Positioning System ("GPS") device, a digital camera, a digital audio recorder, or a radio.

Claim 4 (original): The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the device includes at least one of a watch, a pager, a personal digital assistant, or an audio player.

Claim 5 (withdrawn): The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the one or more inputs includes at least one of a button, a dial, a switch, a slider, a knob, a joystick, a touchpad, or a piezo-electric device.

Claim 6 (original): The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the one or more inputs includes three buttons.

Claim 7 (currently amended): The apparatus of claim ~~4~~15 wherein the device is secured to a wrist of the user with a ~~the~~ device strap.

Claim 8 (currently amended): The apparatus of claim 7 wherein the device strap is a watch band formed from at least one of rubber, plastic, ~~VELCRO~~hook and loop fasteners, a flex-band, leather, or webbing.

Claims 9-11 (canceled)

Claim 12 (original): The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the inputs control a plurality of states of the device, and a plurality of parameters within at least one of the plurality of states.

Claim 13 (withdrawn): The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the one or more inputs receive alphanumeric input from the user.

Claim 14 (canceled)

Claim 15 (currently amended): ~~The~~ An apparatus of claim 1,
comprising:

a device adapted to be secured to a limb of a user with a
device strap, the device having a plurality of functions; and

one or more inputs disposed upon an input substrate and in
communication with the device to control the plurality of device
functions, said device strap being separate from said input
substrate, the one or more inputs positioned on the input
substrate so as to be operable by one or more digits of a hand
of the user associated with the limb of the user when the input
substrate is in an extended position, and positioned so as to be
inoperable by the digits of the hand of the user associated with
the limb of the user when the input substrate is in a retracted
position;

wherein the input substrate is a retractable band having a
the retracted position in which the retractable band is disposed
over a wrist strap that secures the device to a wrist of the
user.

Claim 16 (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein
the ~~input substrate~~ strap of the input substrate is a band of
comprising at least one of rubber, plastic, VELCRO hook and loop
fasteners, a flex-band, leather, or webbing.

Claim 17 (original) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the device
comprises a watch adapted to at least one of running, hiking,
bicycling, sailing, swimming, or scuba diving.

Claim 18 (previously presented) An apparatus comprising:

a watch;

a watch band coupled to the watch that secures the watch to
a wrist of a user;

a retractable input band in communication with at least one of the watch band and the watch, said input band being separate from the watch band, the retractable input band having a retracted position in which the retractable band covers the watch band and an extended position in which the retractable band passes between a thumb and an index finger of a user to support the retractable input band in the extended position; and

one or more inputs disposed on the retractable input band and arranged so that the user may operate the one or more inputs to control operation of the watch when the retractable input band is in the extended position.

Claim 19-23 (canceled)

Claim 24 (new) An apparatus adapted to control a device having a plurality of functions that is disposed on a device strap, the device strap being secured to a wrist or forearm portion of a limb of a user, the apparatus comprising:

an input substrate comprising an input strap adapted to be positioned around a hand of limb in an extended position, the input strap having a palm portion adjacent to the palm of the hand in the extended position; and

one or more inputs disposed upon the input strap, the inputs being in communication with the device to control the plurality of device functions, the one or more inputs being positioned on the palm portion of the input strap so as to be operable by one or more digits of the hand of the user when the input substrate is in the extended position, and positioned so as to be inoperable by the digits of the hand of the user associated with the limb of the user when the input strap is in a retracted position.